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Dear Examiner Hirt:

In response to the non-final office action mailed September 27, 2004, we enclose the following:

1. Amendment Transmittal with Certificate of Facsimile Transmission under 37 CFR 1.8(a) dated October 22, 2004 (1 page); and
2. Response to Election/Restriction Requirement (2 pages).

Very Respectfully,

Anton J. Hopen  
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Practitioner's Docket No. 1372.61.PRWOUS

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In re Application of: Emmanuel Lazaridis )

Serial No.: 09/940,878 )

Filed: 08/29/2001 )

For: Methods for Classifying Objects and  
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Art Unit: 2121

Examiner: Joseph P. Hirl

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## AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

1. Transmitted herewith is a Response To Election/Restriction Requirement for this application.

## STATUS

2. Applicant is an independent inventor. A statement was already filed.

## EXTENSION OF TERM

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply. Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

  
SIGNATURE OF PRACTITIONER

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Dear Sir:

Applicant responds to the nonfinal Examiner's action mailed September 27, 2004, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire October 27, 2004 as follows:

RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Applicant elects to prosecute claims 21-36, drawn to molecular biology processes, classified in class 435, subclass 4. The claims readable thereon are claims 21-36. This election is made without traverse.

REMARKS

If an Examiner's Amendment would place the pending claims in condition for allowance, a telephone call to the undersigned at (727) 507-8558 is requested.

Very respectfully,

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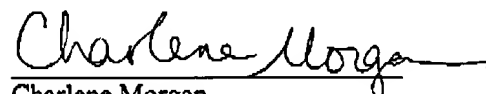
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